ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF THE

Cemetery of Mount Auburn,

TOGETHER WITH

THE REPORTS

OF THE

TREASURER AND SUPERINTENDENT.

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MOUNT AUBURN CEMETERY.

The favor and approval which have been manifested by the public towards Mount Auburn Cemetery, since the time of its commencement, have continued undiminished during the year which has just expired. The receipts of the Corporation, from new proprietors, have exceeded those of any preceding year; and although a liberal outlay has been made for the preservation and embellishment of the grounds, the invested and disposable funds remaining to the Institution, have never been in a more satisfactory condition.

During the last year, various improvements have been made in different parts of the Cemetery. The small basin of water known as "Forest Pond," has been put in repair, by grading, stoning, and turfing its banks, in a manner corresponding to that adopted last year in the repairs of "Auburn Lake."

The stone culvert or drain which leads from the upper end of "The Lawn," has been completed about two-thirds of the way from its source to its proposed outlet into "Auburn Lake." For economy of land, a new avenue, called "Culvert Avenue," has been laid out directly over this drain, and coinciding with it to the place where it passes through "Indian Ridge Path." The deep cut made through this ridge, will afford a passage for the culvert beneath its floor, while the sides will be occupied with columbaria, forming a large catacomb for separate interments, a structure much needed in Mount Auburn. An ornamental and costly stone front, on the end facing the lake, is now contracted for, and in process of execution.

The iron fence, which had not been painted for eight years, has this year received two coats of durable black paint. It was found that the ends of the transverse bars were much

corroded by the action of acid formed from the sulphur cement, and the atmospheric air. To prevent farther corrosion, the sulphur has been carefully dug out, and replaced with Portland cement, by which it is expected to neutralize the acid, and stop the farther access of the atmosphere.

A deep hollow, near the junction of "Indian Ridge" with "Central Avenue," and now known as "Hazel Dell," has heretofore been useless, on account of its depth, and the steepness of its sides. This year, two handsome granite tombs have been constructed by the Superintendent, both of which have been immediately sold. It is proposed to occupy this dell with a circle of similar structures, and a part of them are now under contract.

Nearly five hundred flowering shrubs, chiefly Rhododendrons, have been imported, and set in various parts of the ground, during the last year. Most of them have flowered, and appear in a healthy condition.

It is known to the Proprietors that a statue of John Adams, the only one now wanting to complete the historic series in the Chapel, was lost at sea some years since, on its passage from Europe. A new statue was immediately undertaken, from the same model, by the artist, Mr. Randolph Rogers. This second statue appears to have been completed, and shipped from Leghorn in September last. The vessel containing it, after having been for some time over due, is at length ascertained to have put into Savannah, in distress; so that a reasonable hope may now be entertained that the statue will ere long arrive at its destination.

A new Catalogue of Proprietors' Names, is in press, and nearly ready for distribution, by which it will appear that the present number of Proprietors is about 3,000. The Catalogue contains a copy of the By-Laws, corrected to the present time; also a new Act of the Legislature, obtained last year, authorizing the conveyance of lots, &c., to heirs, devisees, trustees, and corporate bodies. It is very desirable that in case of the decease of any Proprietor, the parties in interest should

immediately designate to the Trustees a representative, as provided for in the By-Laws.

The Superintendent and Gardener are at all times prepared to do any work required of them by Proprietors, in construction, grading, sodding, and planting upon lots; and, from the facilities possessed by them, they can commonly execute such work at a lower rate than operators from without. In a few instances, complaints have been made by individuals of the charges made to them for services rendered—a circumstance not surprising, among so many proprietors. To prevent future difficulty on this score, specific orders should always be furnished in writing, and the price of executing the same should be affixed by the Superintendent. The arrangement may then be agreed to, or rejected, as the parties shall see fit.

By the Treasurer's Report, it appears that the Gross Receipts of the last year have been ~~$43,434.27~~ 43,134.77; while the Disbursements, for the same time, have been ~~$33,511.80~~ 33,424.44.

The Permanent Fund has this year received an increase of $5,041; rendering the total present amount of that fund $14,918.72. That this fund has thus far been accumulated without inconvenience to the Corporation, is shown by the fact that a surplus of $29,922.47 over and above the Permanent Fund, mostly invested and drawing interest, remains in their hands, applicable to future exigencies.

The objects which seem most likely to call for future outlays on the part of the Corporation, are the erection of an iron fence on the easterly and southerly fronts of the "Stone Farm"; the removal of a part of the wooden fence to the new boundary; the levelling of banks, and the filling up of ponds and hollows; the making of new roads and paths, and the keeping in repair of the old ones; and lastly, the introduction of fountain jets of pure water,—should it be thought expedient,—into one or more parts of the Cemetery.

In behalf of the Trustees,

JACOB BIGELOW, *President.*

CEMETERY OF MOUNT AUBURN.

The TREASURER *Reports the following Abstract of* RECEIPTS *and* EXPENDITURES *for the 28th year*, 1859.

He has received:

From Income of Investments	$1,291.16	
" Sales of Lots	25,675.79	
" Expenses for Deeds	144.00	
" Jonathan Mann, Superintendent	538.44	
" Stock in Boston and Lowell Railroad—2 shares sold	937.50	
" " " Boston and Providence " 20 " "	1,910.00	
" Sundry parties, for Labor, &c., at the Cemetery	2,487.98	
" " " for Tombs	3,650.00	
" Mass. Horticultural Society, for balance Stone Farm	6,129.15	
" " " " for Interest on same	367.75	
		$43,131.77

He has paid as follows:

To sundry parties, for Expenses	$9,848.70	
" W. A. Stone, for Note for Stone Farm	3,833.00	
" Notes Receivable, secured by mortgage, with Int. accrued,	5,056.75	
" Jonathan Mann, Superintendent	2,267.16	
" Austin J. Coolidge, Secretary	458.58	
" Mass. Hospital Life Ins. Co., for Permanent Fund	5,041.00	
" Mass. Horticultural Society, for their proportion Sales	6,164.95	
" Geo. Wm. Bond, Treasurer, for 2½ per cent. on $26,059.79,	651.49	
" N. Francis, refunded amount overpaid by him	37.67	
There was due the Treasurer, Dec. 31, 1858	65.14	
There now remains in his hands	9,707.33	
		$43,131.77

GEO. WM. BOND, *Treasurer.*

BOSTON, DECEMBER 31, 1859.

This certifies that we have examined the books and accounts of the Treasurer of Mount Auburn, for the year ending Dec. 31, 1859, and have found them correctly kept and properly balanced, with satisfactory vouchers for all payments charged.

The Certificates of Stock, and other evidences of property, were found in accordance with the statements in his accounts.

In the Fund for Repairs there appears to be due him nine hundred and sixty-nine 76-100 dollars; and there is due from him on the General Accounts of the Corporation, ninety-seven hundred and seven 33-100 dollars.

CHARLES C. LITTLE,
CHARLES G. NAZRO, } *Finance Committee.*

BOSTON, FEBRUARY 2, 1860.

The Sales this year consist of Lots as above	$25,675.79	
Graves in Public Lots, rec'd by Sup't	384.00	
		$26,059.79

The Property of the Corporation consists of:

	Par Value.	Market Value.	
Cemetery, cost to date			$284,423.98
Statuary			12,812.00
Tomb under Park St. Church	$ 200.00		
Notes Receivable	5,000.00		
Stock in Shawmut Bank.....15 shares..	1,500.00		
" " Boston and Lowell Railroad.. 4 shares..	2,000.00	1,990.00	
" " Boston and Providence " 20 shares..	2,000.00	2,100.00	
" " Atlantic Bank.....20 shares..	2,000.00		
" " Western Railroad.....30 shares..	3,000.00	3,270.00	
" " Boston and Worcester R. R...24 shares..	2,400.00	2,520.00	
" " Fitchburg Railroad.....20 shares..	2,000.00	1,920.00	
Superintendent's House	6,892.91		
Cash	9,707.33		
Deposit for Permanent Fund	14,918.72		
Lot 567	100.00		
	$51,718.96		

Number of Lots Sold.....103
" " added to.... 13
Received for Spaces to 8 Lots, about $180.15.

REPAIR FUND.

The Treasurer has in his hands, invested for Fund for Repairs:

30 Shares Atlas Bank—cost	$2,970.00	
8 " Fitchburg Railroad—cost	841.00	
10 " Western " "	1,002.50	
Notes Receivable, secured by mortgage of Real Estate	9,500.00	
		$14,313.50

In order to secure favorable investments, he has slightly anticipated receipts, and over invested..... $969.76
which he has advanced from the general funds of the Corporation.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. WM. BOND, *Treasurer.*

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the Trustees of Mount Auburn Cemetery.

Number of Original Interments for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1859	452
Number of Removals from other Cemeteries	160
Total number of Interments for the year	612
Number of Interments in Public Lot	40
" " in Receiving Tomb	34
Total number of Interments in the Cemetery, to date	9604

RECEIPTS *and* DISBURSEMENTS *for the year, as per Account of Superintendent's Department.*

Amount of Cash received from Proprietors and others, for labor and materials,	$22,508.18
Received of George Wm. Bond, Treasurer	2,267.16
	$24,775.34
Amount of Disbursements during the year, for labor and materials	$24.326.08
Paid Geo. Wm. Bond, Treasurer	449.26
	$24,775.34

Number of New Lots Graded, and bounded with Granite Posts	96
" " Old Lots improved by being new Graded and Sodded	73
" " Iron Fences erected	33
" " Lots enclosed with Granite	35
" " Tombs built	6
" " Monuments erected	38

There are Bills outstanding, due the Corporation, for labor and materials	$2,300.00
And sundry Bills against the Corporation, for labor and materials, about	900.00

Respectfully submitted:

JONATHAN MANN, *Superintendent.*

Mount Auburn, December 31st, 1859.